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SUBJ: LOS SUHARTO-MARCOS TALKS

REF: A. MANILA 6583 B) STATE 115667 C) MANILA 6461

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN MALIK JUNE 5, I COMMENTED THAT US-INDONESIAN LOS TALKS IN WASHINGTON APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FRUITFUL, DRAWING IN GENERAL TERMS UPON REF B. I THEN ASKED MALIK WHETHER SUHARTO AND MARCOS HAD DISCUSSED LOS ISSUES AT MENADO, AND NOTED PHILIPPINE PRESS REPORTS (REF C) THAT AGREEMENT REACHED ON ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT.

2. MALIK SMILINGLY POINTED OUT THAT REPORTS RE SUHARTO-MARCOS AGREEMENT ON LOS ISSUES ARE TO BE FOUND IN PHILIPPINE PRESS ONLY. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO SUHARTO
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OVER AN HOUR ABOUT MENADO MEETING AND SUHARTO ""DID NOT

SAY ONE WORD" RE LOS EXCEPT THAT THERE WOULD BE "GENERAL COOPERATION" BETWEEN GOI AND GOP IN CARACAS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF MAALIK'S REMARKS, TOTAL ABSENCE OF INDONESIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF GOI--GOP "AGREEMENT"" ON ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT, AND SUHARTO'S PENCHANT FOR BEING CAUTIOUS OR VAGUE WHEN ON DIFFICULT GROUND (I BELIEVE HE HAS ONLY BEEN BRIEFED IN GENERAL ON US PROPOSAL), I SUSPECT THAT MELCHOR HAS EITHER MISTAKEN SUHARTO'S JAVANESE POLITENESS AS ASSENT OR THAT HE (MELCHOR) IS ENGAGING IN SOME EXAGGERATION OF INDONESIAN POSITION AT MENADO. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT SUHARTO DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND NUANCES OR FELT HE SHOULD SUPPORT MARCOS ON LOS ISSUES AS PART OF EFFORT TO GAIN MARCOS' COOPERATION TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF MALAYSIAN-PHILIPPINE DISPUTE RE SABAH AND SULU, BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO THIS EFFECT, AND I DOUBT SUHARTO WOULD USE LOS ISSUE AS A PAWN IN MEDIATION EFFORT.
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